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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIMEIRI

REF: ABIDJAN 5923 (NOTAL); YAOUNDE 2910 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI PAID STATE VISIT TO NIGERIA

AUG. 23-29. PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY GOWON AND NIMEIRI AND JOINT

COMMUNIQUE, WHICH SIMILAR THOSE ISSUED IN YAOUNDE

AND ABIDJAN,

EMPHASIZE EXISTING CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES

AND CONTAIN AGREEMENTS DESIGNED TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THEM.

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PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FROM LAGOS, NIMEIRI HELD PRESS CONFERENCE

WHICH TOUCHED ON SITUATION IN MIDEAST, SUDAN AND TRIAL OF PALESTINIANS ARRESTED FOR KHARTOUM MURDERS. END SUMMARY

1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ENDED WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL" STATE VISIT TO NIGERIA AUG. 29. VISIT, WHICH LASTED SEVEN DAYS, INCLUDED TRIPS TO FIVE CITIES IN FOUR STATES (NORTH EASTERN, KANO, EAST CENTRAL, MID-WESTERN) WHERE HE WAS GUEST OF LOCAL DIGNITARIES AND WHICH WAS MARKED BY CONFERRAL OF HONORARY LLD BY UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA. DURING CEREMONIES AT NSUKKA, NIMEIRI CALLED ON AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES TO DEVDHOP AFRICAN PERSONALITY AND PAVE WAY FOR AFRICAN UNITY. OTHER STATEMENTS DURING TOUR OUTSIDE LAGOS FOCUSED ON NIGERIA'S SUCCESSES IN FORGING NATIONAL UNITY, STRIDES IT MAKING IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION, AND CLOSE PARALLELS BETWEEN NIGERIAN AND SUDANESE BEHAVIORAL CODES C RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR ACTIVITIES.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH ISSUED AUG. 29, SIMILAR IN TONE AND CONTENT TO THOSE ISSUED IN ABIDJAN AND YAOUNDE (REFTELS), PARTICULARLY ON UN, OAU AND MIDEAST. ON BILATERAL ISSUES, HEADS OF STATE CONCLUDED AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, AGREED TO REACTIVATE NEGOTIATIONS ON AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT, TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHING TELE-COMMUNICATIONS LINK AND TO ENTER INTO EARLY NEGOTIATIONS TO CONCLUDE A TRADE AGREEMENT. THEY ALSO AGREED TO WORK TOWARD ESTABLISHMENT OF RAIL LINK BETWEEN SUDAN AND NIGERIA (COMMENT: NIGERIANS SEE THIS AS PROJECT FOR DISTANT FUTURE AND INCLUDED IT ONLY AT SUDANESE INSISTENCE), AND TO CONSULT ON ALL MAJOR BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO ECONOMIC, TRADE, INDUSTRIAL AND RELATED QUESTIONS.

3. ON MIDEAST, COMMUNIQUE DEPLORED RECENT ACTS OF TERRORISM AND BLATAM INFRACTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN MIDDLE EAST "BY A MEMBER OF UN," WHICH CONDEMNED BY UNSC. IT REAFFIRMED SUPPORT FOR ALL LEGTIIMATE EFFORTS AIMED AT JUST AND EQUITABLE SOLUTION OF PROBLEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SC RES 242.

4. AT PRESS CONFERENCE HELD PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM NIGERIA, NIMEIRI TOUCHED ON MIDEAST, SAYING THAT HIS COUNTRY WANTED "PEACE WITH HONOR." ISRAELIS, HE SAID, MUST WITHDRAW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND HE CALLED UPON WORLD POWERS TO COMPEL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND COMPLIANCE WITH SC RES ON MIDEAST. WHILE SAYING HIS COUNTRY OPPOSED TO CONVENTIONAL WAR AS SOLUTION TO CRISIS, HE SAID PALESTINIANS WOULD HAVE NO ALTER-NATIVE TO CONTINUING "WAR OF LIBERATION" IF ISRAELIS RECALCITRANT. NIMEIRI SUPPORTED RECENT THREAT BY SOME ARAB LEADERS TO USE OIL AS A WEAPON AGAINST COUNTRIES SUPPORTING ISRAEL, BUT WARNED SUCH A POLICY MUST BE CARFULLY APPLIED OR IT

COULD HAVE BOOMERANG EFFECT.

5. IN REPLY TO QUESTION ON SUDAN, NIMEIRI SAID SYSTEM OF GOVT
IN HIS COUNTRY WAS NOT MILITARY, THAT IT PRESENTLY BEING
GOVERNED BY CONSTITUTION ADOPTED BY PEOPLE, AND THAT GENERAL
ELECTION FOR A PARLIAMENT WOULD BE HELD IN FEB. 1974. ASKED TO
COMMENT ON HIS REPORTED HOSTILITY AGAINST COMMUNIST PARTY, HE
REPLIED HE WAS AGAINST PARTY BECAUSE IT INSTRUMENT OF
INTIMIDATION AND SUPPRESSION OUT OF STEP WITH CONTEMPORARY
AFRICAN LIFE. HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE ALSO SAID HE AGAINST
ALL POLITICAL PARTIES BECAUSE THEY ARE "AGENCIES OF DIVISION"
AND THAT HE WOULD NOT ALLOW FORMATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES IN
SUDAN.

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6. TURNING TO FATE OF PALESTINIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR KHARTOUM KILLINGS, NIMEIRI OBSERVED CASE WAS INFRINGEMENT OF LAWS OF LAND AND SUBJECT TO PENALTY IMPOSED BY STATE.

7. COMMENT: FROM ALL OUTWARD APPEARANCES NIMEIRI VISIT WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND NIGERIANS MADE EVERY EFFORT INSURE IT WOULD BE. COMMUNIQUE TOUCHED ON USUAL ISSUES BUT WENT NO FURTHER THAN THOSE ISSUED AT EARLIER STOPOVERS. MIDEAST PORTION OF COMMUNIQUE MILD AND NIMEIRI STATEMENT AT PRESS CONFERENCE ON SAME SUBJECT DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE DEVIATED FROM HIS PREVIOUS STANCE. GOWON POSITION ON THIS ISSUE IS IN KEEPING WITH ROLE HE HAS ASSUMED SINCE BECOMING OAU CHAIRMAN AND THERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN NO ATTEMPT MADE BY NIMEIRI SEEK TOUGHEN NIGERIAN STAND ON ME. DURING WHOLE VISIT, SPECIAL TIES AND SIMILARITIES BETWEEN NIGERIA AND SUDAN WERE CONTINUALLY STRESSED AND AGREEMENTS REACHED WOULD SEEM FORESHADOW ATTEMPT SECURE EVEN CLOSER RELATIONS THAN IN PAST. NIMEIRI COMMENT ON PALESTINIANS ON TRIAL SEEMS BE IN CONFORMITY WITH POSITION SUDANESE GOVT HAS TAKEN FROM BEGINNING ON THIS MATTER. REINHARDT

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